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TO: Community, Economic & Human Development Committee

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SUBJECT: Response to CEHD Questions Regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan

BACKGROUND:

On December 6, 2007, the CEHD approved a schedule and public outreach process for the Regional Comprehensive Plan and approved release of the Draft RCP for public review. CEHD also requested a written response to questions raised by the City of Moreno Valley. Following are staff's responses to the City's questions.

1. *Please clearly define the timeframes for RCP review and comment on the draft document.* The December 6, 2007 update for the CEHD focused on both the recommended schedule for the RCP and the public outreach strategy. As noted in the presentation, the following are tentative key dates for the review of the RCP:
 - Formal release – first week of January 2008
 - Public review and comment period – January through June 2008
 - CEHD consideration of RCP – June 2008
 - Regional Council consideration of RCP – July 2008
2. *Please identify any constraints on the timeline for review and approval of the document (e.g., grant or legislative deadlines), identify the funding source for the RCP, and any required deadlines for adopting the document.* At this time, there are no known constraints that influence the proposed schedule for public review and adoption of the RCP, nor are there any required deadlines for adoption of this advisory document. The preparation of the RCP is financed in part through funds from the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Additional funding is provided by Caltrans.
3. *Are there any plans to link compliance with the RCP to funding to local governments?* As noted in the comment, the RCP is an advisory document with non-binding recommendations for potential policies that can be considered by public agencies and other stakeholders. There are no plans to link RCP compliance to funding programs. Any future proposals would be subject to approval by SCAG policymakers.
4. *Any process and outreach strategy for the RCP should commit to responding to public comments.* SCAG is committed to an extensive and responsive public outreach process that emphasizes that the RCP is a living document that will evolve. As such, public comments will be addressed through the process, with appropriate recommendations being integrated into the Final RCP.
5. *What incentives, sanctions or funding does SCAG envision to encourage compliance with the RCP?* While the public review process will look at opportunities to provide incentives, there are no

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financial or other incentives envisioned to promote the RCP's policies at this time. Similarly, given the advisory nature of the Plan, no sanctions are needed.

6. *How will the RCP impact the RHNA process relative to its goal to improve jobs-housing balance?*
The RCP does not alter the RHNA process whatsoever. Instead, it recommends policies that can help promote more balanced growth of housing and jobs in communities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Activities related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan are contained in the OWP under the work element 08-035.SCGS1.

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